

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 899

By Finney

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Hamilton Turner, 2006
Co-Salutatorian of Pigeon Forge High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Hamilton Turner is one such exceptional student who was recently named Co-Salutatorian of the 2006 graduating class at Pigeon Forge High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Turner has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Hamilton Turner has earned an exemplary 3.99 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young man has earned numerous accolades; he attended the Governor's School for Information Technology Leadership, studied at the University of Tennessee Math and Science Regional Center, and was selected as his school's Boys State delegate; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in his school's activities and his community's affairs, Hamilton is a member of several academic, social, and civic organizations, including the Beta Club, National Honor Society, Technological Student Association, and the Student Government Association; and

WHEREAS, he is also a gifted athlete who was a valuable member of the varsity football, soccer and wrestling teams; and

WHEREAS, Hamilton Turner has evidenced a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship at an early age, and he volunteers his time and considerable talents to worthy causes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Turner's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his success as a student at Vanderbilt University, where he has been awarded a scholarship; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Armond and Judy Turner, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Hamilton Turner's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Hamilton Turner, 2006 Pigeon Forge High School Co-Salutatorian, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.